

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 2861

PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2861

Examiner: Judy Nguyen

In re application of

Hisashi MIYAZAWA

Appln. No.: 09/525,477

Confirmation No.: 9792

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For: INK-JET RECORDING DEVICE AND INK SUPPLY UNIT SUITABLE FOR IT

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2001, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 11-28, 38, 39, 46, 58-71 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 5, 15 and 66-71 have been withdrawn from consideration.

## I. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16, 58 and 59 have been allowed. Additionally, the Examiner has stated that claims 38 and 39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner